

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image-forming apparatus comprising:

a printing unit which prints an image on a paper medium or a non-paper medium in accordance with image data;

a paper-medium supplier which supplies the paper medium to the printing unit;

a non-paper-medium supplier which supplies the non-paper medium to the printing unit and which can be detachably attached to the main body of the image-forming apparatus;

a first monitor which detects whether or not the non-paper-medium supplier is attached to the main body;

a first reading unit which reads image data from an original;

a first image-forming unit which performs an image-forming process by transmitting the image data read by the first reading unit to the printing unit and causing the printing unit to print an image in accordance with the image data read by the first reading unit;

a second image-forming unit which performs an image-forming process by receiving image data from an external information processing terminal which is connected to the image-forming apparatus, transmitting the received image data to the printing unit, and causing the printing unit to

print an image in accordance with the received image data;
and

a controller which stops the image-forming process performed by the first image-forming unit when the first image-forming unit is commanded to perform the image-forming process and when the first monitor determines that the non-paper-medium supplier is attached to the main body.

2. An image-forming apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a receiving unit which receives image data transmitted from a calling device via a communication line;

a third image-forming unit which performs an image-forming process by causing the printing unit to print an image in accordance with the image data received by the receiving unit; and

a storage medium disposed in the main body,

wherein, when the third image-forming unit is commanded to perform the image-forming process and when the first monitor determines that the non-paper-medium supplier is attached to the main body, the controller stops the image-forming process performed by the third image-forming unit and stores the image data received by the receiving unit in the storage medium.

3. An image-forming apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a second reading unit which reads image data stored in a storage medium which can be detachably attached to the main body; and

a fourth image-forming unit which performs an image-forming process by causing the printing unit to print an image in accordance with the image data read by the second reading unit,

wherein, when the fourth image-forming unit is commanded to perform the image-forming process and when the first monitor determines that the non-paper-medium supplier is attached to the main body, the controller stops the image-forming process performed by the fourth image-forming unit.

4. An image-forming apparatus according to Claim 3, further comprising a designating unit which designates whether the paper medium is to be supplied to the printing unit by the paper-medium supplier or the non-paper medium is to be supplied to the printing unit by the non-paper-medium supplier,

wherein, when the first, the second, or the fourth image-forming unit perform is commanded to perform the image-forming process, when the designating unit designates

that the non-paper medium is to be supplied by the non-paper-medium supplier, and when the first monitor determines that the non-paper-medium supplier is not attached to the main body, the controller stops the image-forming process performed by the first, the second, or the fourth image-forming unit, and

wherein, when the first, the second, or the fourth image-forming unit is commanded to perform the image-forming process, when the designating unit designates that the paper medium is to be supplied by the paper-medium supplier, and when the first monitor determines that the non-paper-medium supplier is attached to the main body, the controller stops the image-forming process performed by the first, the second, or the fourth image-forming unit.

5. An image-forming apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a second monitor which detects whether or not the non-paper-medium supplier can be operated; and

a designating unit which designates whether the paper medium is to be supplied to the printing unit by the paper-medium supplier or the non-paper medium is to be supplied to the printing unit by the non-paper-medium supplier,

wherein, when the first, the second, or the fourth image-forming unit is commanded to perform the image-forming

process, when the designating unit designates that the non-paper medium is to be supplied by the non-paper-medium supplier, and when the second monitor determines that the non-paper-medium supplier cannot be operated, the controller stops the image-forming process performed by the first, the second, or the fourth image-forming unit.

6. An image-forming apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a display unit which is provided on the main body and which shows a message corresponding to the result of the determination performed by the first monitor as necessary.

7. An image-forming apparatus according to Claim 5, further comprising a display unit which is provided on the main body and which shows a message corresponding to the result of the determination performed by the second monitor as necessary.

8. An image-forming apparatus comprising:
a printing unit which prints an image on a paper medium or a non-paper medium in accordance with image data;
a paper-medium supplier which supplies the paper medium to the printing unit;
a non-paper-medium supplier which supplies the non-

paper medium to the printing unit and which can be detachably attached to the main body of the image-forming apparatus;

a monitor which detects whether or not the non-paper-medium supplier is attached to the main body;

a receiving unit which receives a facsimile transmitted from a calling device via a communication line;

a connecting unit which connects an external telephone to the main body;

a facsimile-switching unit which causes the receiving unit to receive the facsimile after the communication line is acquired by the telephone; and

a controller which does not allow a call from the communication line to be received if the monitor determines that the non-paper-medium supplier is attached to the main body and controls the facsimile-switching unit such that the facsimile-switching unit causes the receiving unit to receive the call if the call is determined to be a facsimile transmission after the communication line is acquired by the telephone.

9. An image-forming apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein the facsimile-switching unit causes the receiving unit to receive the facsimile when a CNG tone from the calling device is detected.

10. An image-forming apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein the facsimile-switching unit causes the receiving unit to receive the facsimile when a signal from the telephone connected to the connecting unit is detected.

11. An image-forming apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein, if the monitor determines that the non-paper-medium supplier is not attached to the main body when the facsimile is received after the communication line is acquired by the telephone, the controller causes the printing unit to print the facsimile.